D-162 Samuel Webb House Vienna c. 1839-40 Private

Merchant Sameul Webb (1809-1874) financed construction of this well-detailed two-story frame dwelling around 1839-40 after his purchase of land on Market Street in 1838. The timber frame house retains a high degree of architectural and historical integrity despite its deteriorating condition. Intact layers of beaded weatherboards, exterior common bond brick chimneys, and largely undisturbed Federal/Greek Revival interior woodwork contribute to its high degree of integrity. The story-and-a-half kitchen wing dates to the same period as the two-story main block, and part of it was raised to a two-story height to meet the level of the original side hall/parlor main block shortly after initial construction, which added a desperately needed new chamber.

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Samuel Webb is grouped with his wife Elizabeth, aged 32, and five young children,
Walter, 11; Thomas, 9; John W., 7; Theodore, 4; and 1 year old Laurann. Also identified
in the household was James W. Thompson, a 21-year old store clerk. Thomas Webb
(1841-1894), evidently born in the house, served in the Confederate army during the
Civil War. The house and corner lot remained in Webb family ownership through the
balance of the nineteenth century, however, John W. T. Webb, representing his father
who had been declared a lunatic, negotiated a transfer of the title to his Civil War veteran
brother, Thomas J. Webb, in September 1874. Webb family ownership of the property
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The Samuel Webb house, also known as the William Bratten house, stands at 201 Market Street on the northwest corner of the intersection of Market and Church streets in the town of Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story, five-bay, center hall/single-pile plan frame dwelling, built around 1839-40, is supported on a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with beaded weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the main block is a story-and-a-half kitchen wing that extends to the southwest.

Built around 1839-40, the Samuel Webb house was originally conceived as a two-story, three-bay side hall/parlor plan dwelling that had a story-and-a-half dining room/kitchen wing extending from its southwest gable end. Shortly after initial construction, part of the kitchen wing was raised to a full two-story height, thereby yielding the five-bay façade of the main block. Seams in the beaded weatherboards front and back attest to this building history.

The southeast (main) façade of the main house is an asymmetrical five-bay elevation with a central door opening and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The front entrance is fitted with a Victorian era four-panel door, which is topped by a four-light transom. The center three bays of the first story elevation are sheltered by a Victorian era flat-roofed porch featuring Eastlake influence gathered stick style support posts and decorative eave of sawn brackets. The second story is pierced by an uneven series of two-over-two sash windows. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice.

The northeast gable end is dominated by an exterior five-course common bond brick chimney stack featuring a corbelled base and corbelled shoulder at the second story level. The stack is finished with a corbelled cap. Piercing the gable end wall on each side of the chimney stack are two-over-two sash windows, and four-pane window openings light the attic. The gable end if finished flush with a beaded edge bargeboard.

The northwest (rear) elevation is an asymmetrical four-bay elevation of beaded weatherboards; and the vertical seam in the weatherboards identifying the shift in construction periods is clearly visible. A rear entrance is flanked by two-over-two sash windows.

The southwest gable end is partially covered by the story-and-a-half service wing that includes a dining room in the center space. Rising through the kitchen wing and against the gable end of the main block is an exterior brick chimney stack of common bond coursing. Four-pane windows light the main attic.

The kitchen wing has a gable roofed dormer on its southeast slope, and it dates from the first period of construction. Diagonal laid boards distinguish the sides of the dormer, and the window sash are missing. Rising on the gable end of the kitchen is an exterior common bond brick stack

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with a large base that corbels inward to a single flue stack. Attached to the back of the kitchen wing is a shed roofed addition.

The interior of the main block survives with a large percentage of its late Federa/Greek Revival influenced woodwork and lath and plaster walls.

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SIGNFICANCE

The Samuel Webb house, known more recently as the William Bratten house, stands out in Vienna as a prominent example of second quarter of the nineteenth century domestic architecture and one of approximately fifteen structures dating to this prosperous period of Vienna's past. The timber frame dwelling retains a high degree of architectural and historical integrity due to intact layers of beaded weatherboards, exterior common bond brick chimneys and largely undisturbed Federal/Greek Revival interior woodwork. The kitchen wing dates from the same period as the main block and seams in the exterior weatherboards indicate part of it was raised to two-story height to meet the full roof height of the original side hall/parlor plan dwelling shortly after initial construction. The house is currently in poor repair and slated for demolition in September 2009.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Merchant Samuel Webb (1809-1874) financed construction of this well-detailed two-story frame dwelling around 1839-40 after his purchase of land in the town of Vienna in 1838. Listed in the seventh census of the United States (1850) as a 40-year old merchant, he is grouped with his wife Elizabeth Webb, age 32, and five young children; Walter, 11, Thomas, 9, John W., 7, Theodore, 4 and 1-year old Laurann. Also listed in the household was James W. Thompson, a 21-year old store clerk. Thomas Webb (1841-1894), evidently born in the house, served in the Confederate army during the Civil War. The house and corner lot remained in Webb family ownership through the balance of the nineteenth century, however, John W. T. Webb, representing his father who had been declared a lunatic, negotiated a transfer of

¹ Dorchester County Land Records, ER 17/28, 26 October 1838; ER 17/76, 7 December 1838.

² Seventh Census of the United States (1850), Dorchester County Population Schedule, transcribed and published by Debra Smith Moxey, 1977.

³ Marshall, Nellie M., Tombstone Records of Dorchester County, 1678-2002, Dorchester County Historical Society, 2002.

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ownership to Civil War veteran Thomas J. Webb in September 1874.⁴ Webb family ownership of the property was maintained until 1906 when the house and lot were conveyed to Margaret A. Millard.⁵ William R. Bratten purchased the Webb house in 1942 and it was held by Bratten family members until 1991.⁶

Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 9/586, 28 September 1874. Land record cites Dorchester County Chancery Case No. 780 between John W. T. Webb, trustee of Samuel Webb, lunatic, and Samuel Webb, lunatic, defendant.

Dorchester County Land Record, CL 33/179, 26 November 1906; CL 33/191, 9 October 1906.
 Dorchester County Land Record, PLC 267/626, 10 May 1991.

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Chain of title Map 500, Parcel 103

MLB 860/210

Michael J. Spears, Director of Finance for Dorchester County

to

4.07.2008

Merritt Enterprises, LLC

Property sold at tax sale, 6.20.2006, \$50,000

MLB 326/211

Thomas C. Robinson, Jr. and Diane M. Robinson

to

9.26.1996

William H. Littleton and Ann Rhodes Littleton

PLC 267/626

Howard Beckwith Simmons, Judith Bratten Simmons, William R. Bratten, Jr. and Barbara T. Bratten

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5.10.1991

Thomas C. Robinson, Jr. and Diane M. Robinson, William H. Littleton and Ann Rhodes Littleton

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238/936

William R. Bratten, Judith Bratten Simmons, Howard

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to

3.5.1986

William R. Bratten, Jr.

PLC 235/913

William R. Bratten

to

7.22.1985

William R. Bratten, et al.

RSM 45/496

The Baptist Home of the District of Columbia

to

9.3.1942

William R. Bratten

Lot No. 2

RSM 45/213

Emma A. Millard

to

5.7.1942

The Baptist Home of the District of Columbia

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WLR 8/102

Lydia M. Williams Samuel G. Williams

to

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George W. Millard

Lot No. 2

CL 33/191

Frederick Powers, Celeste Powers, George H. Webb

to

10.9.1906

Margaret A. Millard

CL 33/179

Samuel G. Williams and Lydia M. Williams

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Margaret A. Webb

CL 18/687

John W. T. Webb and Annie V. Webb

to

9.14.1894

Thomas J. Webb

home property of Samuel Webb, late of Dorchester County Lot No. 1

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FJH 9/586

John W. T. Webb, Trustee

to

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Thomas J. Webb

Decree of Circuit Court, 3.18.1873, whereon John W. T. Webb, trustee of Samuel Webb, lunatic, is complainant, and Samuel Webb, lunatic, is defendant (No. 780 Chancery)

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ER 17/28

William Jackson and wife, Margaret

to

10.26.1838

Samuel Webb

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-Samuel Webb House -Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson-1877

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, Dorchester County Population Schedule.

Tombstone Records of Dorchester County, Maryland, 1678-2002, Dorchester County Historical Society.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property
Acreage of historical setting
Quadrangle name

44,800 square feet
1 +/- acre

Mardela Springs, MD
Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	7.20.09
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
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